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SUBJ: RIOTING IN YET ANOTHER FREE STATE GOLD MINE

REF: JOHANNESBURG'S 0526

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS AND REDIO REPORTS RIOTING WHICH BEGAN EVENING OF JUNE 9 AT RAND MINES' HARMONY GOLD MINE NEAR VIRGINIA IN NORTHERN ORANGE FREE STATE RESULTED IN THREE BLACK MINE WORKERS KILLED AND VERY EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE, INCLUDING FIRE DAMAGE.

2. POLICE CONVERGED ON SCENE FROM SEVERAL SURROUNDING AREAS AND ATTEMPTED TO RESTORE ORDER USING "WARNING SHOTS" AND FIRE HOSES BUT RIOTING WHICH BEGAN ABOUT 7 P.M. CONTINUED INTO EARLY HOURS OF JUNE 10. IT INVOLVED MORE THAN 1,000 BLACK MINE WORKERS.

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3. REPORTS DO NOT INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT POLICE REPOSIBLE IN

ANY WAY FOR DEATHS.

4. AS HAS BEEN CASE FOLLOWING PREVIOUS MINE RIOTS REPORTS OFFER
NO AUTHORITATIVE EXPLANATION FOR SUDDEN OUTBREAK BUT SABC NEWS
INDICATED HARMONY RIOT WAS NOT "FACTION FIGHT" BETWEEN DIFFERENT
TRIBAL GROUPS.
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